

**In the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all previous versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-38. Canceled.

39. (New) An isolated polypeptide having at least 95% amino acid sequence identity to:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 4;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 4, lacking its associated signal peptide; or
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209256, wherein said polypeptide is capable of inducing c-fos in endothelial cells.

40. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 39 having at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 4;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 4, lacking its associated signal peptide; or
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209256, wherein said polypeptide is capable of inducing c-fos in endothelial cells.

41. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 39 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 4.

42. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 39 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 4, lacking its associated signal peptide.

43. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 39 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209256.

44. (New) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 39 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
45. (New) The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 44, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is an epitope tag or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.